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SUBJ: GUNDELACH SEES COMMUNITY IN CRISIS

BEGIN SUMMARY. EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH IN A TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 27 SAID COMMUNITY FACED CRISIS AS AMBITIOUS GOALS SET BY PARIS SUMMIT QERE NOT POLITICALLY BACKED BY MEMBER STATES. HE EXPECTED CONSIDERABLE DELAY BEYOND SET TARGET DATES FOR BOTH ECONOMIC/MONETARY UNION PHASE II AND INDUSTRY/ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE TELEVISED BY DANISH STATE BROADCASTING SERVICE, EC COMMISSIONER EXPRESSED DIM VIEWS ON PROGRESS

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OF ECONOMIC/MONETARY UNION AND INDUSTRY/ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES.

HE SAID COMMUNITY FACED CRISIS BECAUSE MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS SHOWED NO INCLINATION TO BACK POLITICALLY THE AMBITIOUS GOALS SET BY LAST YEAR'S PARIS SUMMIT. GUNDELACH EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF REACHING PHASE II OF MONETARY UNION BY END 1973 AND FORESAW PERIOD OF VERY MODEST PROGRESS. THIS POINTED TOWARD NECESSITY OF ANOTHER SUMMIT LEST THE COMMISSION ALONE SHOULD SET THE PACE OF COMMUNITY COOPERATION.

2. GUNDELACH ALSO COMMENTED ON NEED FOR COMMON EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY. HE DENIED THAT BRUSSELS TALKS WITH SENATOR KENNEDY HAD CONCERNED DEFENSE PROBLEMS, BUT CONCEDED THAT KENNEDY HAD CALLED FOR EUROPEAN CONCESSIONS ON MONETARY MATTERS IN RETURN FOR RETENTION OF US FORCES IN EUROPE.

3. COMMENT. GUNDELACH HAS VERY FAVORABLE PRESS IMAGE HERE. HIS FREQUENT APPEARANCES BEFORE DANISH AUDIENCES HELP KEEP UP PUBLIC INTEREST IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS.
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